

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 93 new fires were reported. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern and Southern California Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team is working jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team is assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SPANISH, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy logging slash, 36 miles east of Laytonville, CA. Moderate fire behavior with torching and spotting were observed within current perimeter. The increase in acreage was due to burn out operations.

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A transfer of command from Hawkin's CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) to the local unit will take place today. These fires are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash, 18 miles northwest of Garberville, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPANISH	CA	MNF	6,051	60	UNK	1,359	51	42	10	0	2.8M
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	22,114	96	10/6	1,125	26	58	4	0	27.2M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NEEDLES, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber and heavy downed fuels, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. The fire remained active with torching and spotting on the west flank.

CRYSTAL CREEK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Incident Management Team (Berndt/Baarspul) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with dead and downed fuels, six miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. The fire activity included single tree torching and creeping ground fire. Structure protection is in place for 110 residences and two commercial properties.

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Johnson/Barnett) is assigned. This fire is in timber, seven miles west of Conconully, WA. Increased fire behavior was due to an increase in temperature and lower relative humidity. Minimal activity with isolated torching and short runs was observed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fire activity was minimal.

GRIFF, Olympic National Park. This fire is in timber, nine miles south of Port Angeles, WA. The fire continued to creep down-slope with westerly flanking upslope runs.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLES	WA	OWF	19,326	43	UNK	304	5	14	5	1	9.5M
CRYSTAL CREEK	WA	OWF	1,374	35	UNK	179	4	1	7	0	1.2M
ISABEL	WA	OWF	2,470	30	UNK	466	12	16	5	0	4.8M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	98	10/5	119	3	15	3	13	40M
GRIFF	WA	OLP	365	0	UNK	37	1	1	2	0	180K
MAPLE	WA	OWF	2,409	70	10/15	49	2	0	2	0	3.4M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LYTLE, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Domanski) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, two miles west of Lytle Creek. Active fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for five residences.

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LYTLE	CA	BDF	869	58	UNK	814	28	42	7	0	620K
DUNCAN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	YNP	1,284	N/A	N/A	55	2	2	0	0	100K
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	KNP	9,450	N/A	N/A	139	3	3	4	0	1.9M
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	3,740	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	0	0	826K
MUD COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	5,053	N/A	N/A	137	4	0	2	0	1.8M
CARGYLE COMPLEX - WFU	CA	SNF	720	N/A	N/A	32	1	0	1	0	68K
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	230	40	10/20	32	1	0	2	0	824K
KIBBIE COMPLEX	CA	YNP	9,815	100	---	507	11	13	5	0	3.4M

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

SNF = Sierra National Forest

YNP = Yosemite National Park

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This complex is in timber with heavy dead and downed fuels, on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Growth and fire behavior was minimal due to precipitation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX	AZ	GCP	8,281	10	12/1	128	2	5	6	0	1.9M

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ROCKING CHAIR RANCH	TX	TXS	2,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: An upper level low pressure system will slowly be tracking out of the Great Basin and toward the Four Corners States today. The low will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms from northern Arizona and Mexico northward into Utah. In California, temperatures will continue to be near normal with no significant large scale winds.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Mostly sunny to partly cloudy inland. Considerable morning fog or low clouds along the coast, decreasing in the afternoon.	60s and 70s near the coast and over higher inland terrain, with 80s to lower 90s in the warmer inland valleys	13 to 30% inland and 50 to 65% near the coast.	Variable under 12 mph, mainly north/northeast to east in the morning.
NORTHWEST AREA Morning clouds west of the Cascades and mostly sunny on the eastside.	70s western Washington and northwest Oregon. 80s southwest Oregon. Generally 70s to lower 80s east side.	Generally 30 to 50% west side and 15 to 30% east side.	Generally 10 mph sustained winds or less.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning low clouds and fog coast and coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 73 coastal areas. 68 to 83 mountains. 78 to 85 valleys. 85 to 90 upper desert. 97 to 103 low desert.	12 to 25% desert. 15 to 30% mountains. 30 to 45% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph over the mountains and deserts. Southwest to northwest 8 to 15 mph coastal areas.



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FIRE SHELTER SITE SELECTION

The primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of an entrapment situation. However, firefighters must always be prepared for the possibility of having to deploy their fire shelters. The key to a successful fire shelter deployment is proper site selection. Consider the following when discussing shelter deployment site selection:

- Pick a site that will keep the fire shelter away from flames and convective heat. It should also limit the amount of radiant heat that reaches the shelter
- Select an area with no fuels, or if that isn't possible, select a site in light fuels such as grass where the flaming front passes quickly. Clear the site to mineral soil if at all possible. If time is critical, pick a site with the least fuel.
- Pick natural firebreaks (e.g., wet meadows; creek beds; wet, swampy areas; large rockslides with no fuels). Note that rough terrain in rockslides may make obtaining an effective seal impossible, thus making the site unacceptable.
- Areas on the lee side of ridge tops and knobs can be effective deployment sites because convective heat and flames will generally continue rising above them.
- Wide areas that have been cleared of fuel such as dozer lines or roads can be effective deployment sites. In larger areas, don't let trucks, dozers, and other equipment occupy the best deployment sites.
- Flat areas on slopes, such as benches or road cuts, offer some protection from radiant and convective heat. Level areas like these can keep you below the path of flames and convective heat. The ditch on the inside of the road, if free of fuel, can improve the effectiveness of deploying in a road cut.
- Avoid areas that tend to funnel smoke, flames, and hot gases.
 - Narrow draws
 - Chutes
 - Chimneys
 - Saddles on ridge tops
- Know how long it takes to reach your safety zone. Crew supervisors should identify and communicate likely escape routes and safety zones.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					4	1	5
	ACRES					72	0	72
Northern California	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					53		53
Southern California	FIRES		1			11	1	13
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7			4	6	17
	ACRES		42			0	0	42
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6				1	7
	ACRES		57				0	57
Southwest	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				1		0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					28	1	29
	ACRES					21	8	29
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	2	61	15	93
	ACRES	0	99	0	1	147	9	256

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	392	14	452
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,123	3,712	247,595	2	574,723
Northwest	FIRES	297	243	11	55	1,790	1,222	3,618
	ACRES	24,028	17,877	12	3,367	49,473	294,191	388,948
Northern California	FIRES	147	71	15	17	2,729	1,202	4,181
	ACRES	232	11,583	603	6,562	72,720	31,740	123,440
Southern California	FIRES	64	135	10	76	2,616	858	3,759
	ACRES	854	2,933	360	631	36,288	7,495	48,561
Northern Rockies	FIRES	994	71	34	85	968	1,504	3,656
	ACRES	77,633	69,435	23,280	166,669	169,362	359,063	865,442
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	830	7	46	866	965	2,772
	ACRES	19,423	130,808	1,244	2,634	54,170	141,073	349,352
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	450	1	11	118	169	756
	ACRES	1	11,394	79	6	1,976	3,287	16,743
Southwest	FIRES	849	188	5	68	884	2,092	4,086
	ACRES	35,658	5,893	284	3,554	16,173	203,138	264,700
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	183	777	39	47	967	703	2,716
	ACRES	17,714	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,134	107,515
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,885	489	11,383
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,659	5,584	176,027
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,951	338	12,494
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	190,205	8,849	233,687
TOTAL	FIRES	3,655	2,779	255	462	33,166	9,556	49,873
	ACRES	249,490	307,112	329,968	189,388	965,624	1,107,556	3,149,138

Ten Year Average Fires	69,589
Ten Year Average Acres	3,952,214

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						26	26
	ACRES						569	569
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						1,146	1,146
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						335	335
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,897	2,897
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	35	35
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4,947	4,947

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	99	24	3		219	373
	ACRES	5,351	25,350	5,835	123		30,813	67,472
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		10,562	34,269
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	79	4	23	371	498
	ACRES	502	3,808	11,688	760	1,750	19,032	37,540
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	30	5		12	34	82
	ACRES	18	30,927	406		2,305	12,774	46,430
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIRES	15	35	19	8	3	279	359
	ACRES	3,698	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	50,762	128,174
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	28	100	9	11	97	274
	ACRES	1,732	20,599	13,819	9,592	190	15,949	61,881
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	502	207	1,063
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,990	26,976	177,020
Southern Area	FIRES	53		273	72	16,007	1,241	17,646
	ACRES	19,379		96,239	83,793	827,577	940,088	1,967,076
TOTAL	FIRES	163	216	931	138	16,564	2,746	20,758
	ACRES	41,273	108,444	245,866	111,026	914,379	1,120,861	2,541,849

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			7,925		15,882	23,807
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		74	77
	ACRES				602		55,901	56,503
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		30	36
	ACRES				435		15,432	15,867
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	188	304
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	15,232	0	248,944	308,624

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	30	8	22	35	11	18			311	200
Northern California	28	54	48	66	9	7			132	284
Southern California	61	24	106	20	36	10	8		178	55
Northern Rockies	3		11	2	3		1			
Eastern Great Basin	6	3	5	4	3					
Western Great Basin	1		1							
Southwest	2		5		1	5			58	4
Rocky Mountain	1	1	16						8	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	132	90	214	127	63	40	9	0	687	544

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